

Remarks

Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering the subject application. Applicants also affirm the election of claims 1-15 and 33.

Claims 1-4 have been allowed. Applicants have corrected a typographical error in claim 1 and respectfully submit that its scope is unaffected.

Also, in the previous amendment, Applicants had added new claim 34, which depends from claim 5. Since the Office action has not addressed this claim, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to indicate whether claim 34 has been considered.

Regarding Claims 5-15 and 33, the Examiner has applied various references (Kirwan et al., US 6,178,949, Shindoh et al., US 6,102,000, and Masaki, JP 9-158768). Applicants have amended claims 5-13 and 33 to include both adjusting injected fuel and ignition timing in relation to fuel volatility or viscosity. Applicants respectfully submit that none of Kirwan et al., Shindoh et al., or the abstract of Masaki show such operation. As such, these claims should be allowed. Claims 34 and 35 depend from claim 5 and therefore should also be allowed.

Regarding Claims 14-15, Applicants respectfully submit that neither Shindoh et al., nor the abstract of Masaki, show all claimed elements. Specifically, Applicants can find nothing in either Shindoh et al., or the abstract of Masaki, related to fuel vapor purging. Further, Applicants can find nothing that shows adjusting delivered fuel in relation to inducted fuel vapors and a fuel viscosity or volatility indication. As such, claims 14-15 should be allowed.

Based on the foregoing comments, the above-identified application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is courteously solicited. If any further amendment is necessary to advance prosecution and place this

case in allowable condition, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned by fax or telephone at the number listed below.

Please charge any cost incurred in the filing of this Amendment, along with any other costs, to Deposit Account No. 06-1510. If there are insufficient funds in this account, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1505. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.


CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on October 27, 2004.


Lauren Barberena

Respectfully submitted,

KOLISCH HARTWELL, P.C.


B. Anna McCoy
Registration No. 46,077
Customer No. 36865
520 S.W. Yamhill St, Suite 200
Portland, Oregon 97204
Telephone: (503) 224-6655
Facsimile: (503) 295-6679
Attorney for Applicant